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LETTER DATED 14 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of reconnaissance, provocation and the dropping of heat flares during the period 4 to 10 October 1993.

4 October 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 4 October 1993.

(b) Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Artawi, and Salman.

At 1310 hours on 4 October 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft penetrated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres over Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Najaf, Ushbayjah and Qal'at Sukkar. At 1510 hours it returned south of Salman in the direction of Saudi airspace.

5 October 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 5 October 1993.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

6 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

7 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 31 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, the area to the south of Najaf, Artawi and Busayyah.

At 1732 hours on 7 October 1993, a hostile formation consisting of two aircraft dropped four heat flares close to the Mosul Dam in the Ninawa Governorate.

8 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 29 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Khidr, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Artawi, Shatrah and Qurnah.

9 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 39 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

At 1300 hours on 9 October 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft penetrated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres over the city of Amarah. It returned at 1520 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace.

10 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 43 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Shatrah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Salman, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and the area to the south of Najaf.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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